



BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS

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COST RECOVERY REGULATIONS OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has begun a public comment period for consideration of regulations to implement Senate Bill 1984, which requires an applicant for registration as a geologist to successfully pass a national examination and a California-specific examination.

The proposed regulations are in Title 16, Division 29, sections 3005 (Fees), 3021 (Applications), 3023 (Education and Experience), 3024 (Abandoned Applications), 3026 (Refund of Examination Fee), 3031 (Examination Required), 3036.1 and 3036.2 (Inspection of Examination), 3037.1 and 3037.2 (Examination Appeal), 3041 (Specialty in Engineering Geology), and 3042 (Specialty in Hydrogeology). The regulation notice, proposed language and initial statement of reasons are available on the Board's website, www.dca.ca.gov/geology, or from the Board office in Sacramento.

Oral or written comments relevant to the action proposed may be presented at a public hearing at 9 AM on April 23, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Select San Diego, 595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. Written comments may also be sent to the Board by mail, fax, or e-mail by 5:00 PM on April 19, 1999.

COMITY AGREEMENTS WITH ASBOG STATES IN PROGRESS

The Board is developing comity agreements with 19 other states with that administer the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination. Comity agreements will allow geologists to be licensed in other states based on the ASBOG examination and the ability to meet the state's other requirements. Licensure in California based on comity will be based on an applicant's ability to:

- Pass the ASBOG examination on or after fall 1996
- Pass the California supplemental examination
- Meet the Board's education and experience requirements

FIRST CALIFORNIA SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION

The California supplemental examination is designed to test an applicant's knowledge of California-specific regulatory, seismic, and structural issues. The first California supplemental examination will be offered September 28, 1999 for out-of-state comity applicants only. All candidates for licensure based on comity are encouraged to apply. The first supplemental examination required for licensure as a geologist will be offered in spring 2000, along with the first administration of the ASBOG examination.

ATTENTION LICENSEES!!!

Current Registered Geologists licensed by the Board ARE NOT required to take the ASBOG examination. The ASBOG examination will replace the current examination administered by the Board beginning in spring 2000.